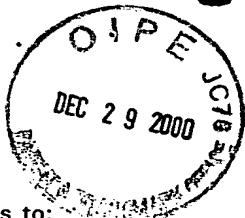


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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL**

*Submit an original and a duplicate of transmittal for fee processing.*  
(Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this New Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date December 29, 2000, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL387336587US addressed to: Box CPA, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/909,023 filed on August 11, 1997, entitled RECORDING, REPRODUCING, AND RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUSES AND METHODS THEREOF.

**NOTES**

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for the CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

1.  Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in the prior nonprovisional application.
2.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. This application is filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application.  
37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

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DELETE the following named inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application JAN 04 2001

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4. MAINTENANCE OF COPENDENCY OF PRIOR APPLICATION

(This item must be completed and the necessary papers filed in the prior application if the period set in the prior application has run).

- A petition and fee for extension of time has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until January 6, 2001.  
 A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.

5. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

6. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed, including a PTO-1449 and copies of    references.

7.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503 -- should be specifically itemized)

PAYMENT OF FEES

| CLAIMS  | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE      | BASIC FEE (\$710) |
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| Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))                 | 32 - 20      | *12          | x \$18.00 | \$360.00          |
| Independent Claims                            | 4 - 3        | *1           | x \$80.00 | \$80.00           |
| <u>  </u> Multiple dependent claim(s), if any |              |              | \$270.00  |                   |

\*If less than zero, enter "0".

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8. Small Entity Status

- a.  A small entity statement is enclosed.  
b.  A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  
c.  is no longer claimed.

9. Payment of Fees

- Two (2) check(s) totaling the amount of \$2,040 are enclosed; one in the amount of \$1,150 for the basic filing fee of the application including additional claims, and the other in the amount of \$890.00 for a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to Respond.  
 Charge Account No. 12-1420 in the amount of \$  .  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

10.  Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 12-1420. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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